



PARISH OF ST JAMES, ST ANDREWS & THE EAST NEUK

Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh

5th Sunday of Lent - A
Sunday, 22 March 2026

MASS TIMES IN ST ANDREWS (*17 The Scores, KY16 9AR*)

| Day | Time | Holy Day | Mass Intention |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 22 March | 5.00pm (Vigil) | 5 th Sunday of Lent - A | James McCarroll RIP |
| | 8.00am | | Father T Engelen (RIP) |
| | 11.00am | | David Boehne (RIP) |
| | 5.00pm | | Student Mass |
| Monday 23 March | 6.00pm | Rite of Election | Hugh Young RIP |
| Tuesday 24 March | 10.00am | | Achille Vitolo (RIP) |
| | 5.30pm | | Eustache Becher (RIP) |
| Wednesday 25 March | 5.30pm | The Annunciation of Our Lord | Carol Conway (RIP) |
| | 10.00am | | Mae Martin RIP |
| Thursday 26 March | 10.00am | | Devasti Cardoz (RIP) |
| | 5.30pm | | Antonietta Aceri |
| Friday 27 March | 5.30pm | | Bobby Dunn RIP |
| Saturday 28 March | 10.00am | | Emmeline McAllister (RIP) |
| Sunday 29 March | 5.00pm (Vigil) | Palm Sunday - A | |
| | 8.00am | | |
| | 11.00am | | |
| | 5.00pm | | Student Mass |
| Adoration & Confessions | Tues-Fri | 4.30-5.30pm | |
| | Sat | After 10am Mass and 4.30-5pm | |
| Rosary | Sat | 4.40pm | |

MASS TIMES IN CRAIL (*Westgate, Crail, KY10 3RE*)

| Day | Time | Holy Day | Mass Intention |
|--------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday 22 March | 9.30am | 5 th Sunday of Lent - A | Grace McCole & Gertie Thomson |
| Wednesday 25 March | 12.00noon | | Isabel Canning RIP |
| Sunday 29 March | 9.30am | Palm Sunday - A | |

Offertory: 15 March 2026 - £1,049.20 SCIAF: £639.16

Congratulations to William Galileo Costello & Andrea Paule Marie Giudicelli who were married yesterday

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PARISH NOTICES

Special Rite of Election with Archbishop Leo at 6pm on Monday

The Archbishop will celebrate the Mass at 6pm on Monday – during which he will conduct the Rite of Enrolment for all of those who will be received into the Church this Easter. It will be a lovely occasion and an opportunity for us to support these catechumens as they prepare to make this important step in their lives. Please come along if you can, to support them!

Parish Meditation on the “Washing of the Feet” – Wed 1st April at 7pm

Holy week is almost upon us so I would like to invite you all to join me for a special evening of meditation on the evening of the Wednesday of Holy Week when I will lead a meditation on the “washing of the feet” in John’s Gospel. This will be a way to spiritually prepare for the Sacred Triduum which begins the following day.

Pastoral Letter

The Bishops have sent a Pastoral Letter to all Catholics on the Scottish Parliament Election. Copies are available at the back of the Church today.

Easter Brass Cleaning St James

We are looking for volunteers! If you can spare an hour or so on Saturday 28 March (starting 10am) it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your details on the form at the back of the Church. We also need some old towels – if you have any you no longer need - we would greatly appreciate them!

First Aid

We now have 13 parishioners and Fr Chris trained as parish emergency first aiders! Thank you to the participants for giving up their time for the benefit of the parish.

Important – The Parish is Changing Bank 14 April 2026

Due to the sad closure of the local branch of the Bank of Scotland, the parish is unfortunately being forced to transfer its accounts to the Royal Bank. Transferring banks is always difficult and always causes problems but most immediately what it means is that if you currently donate your Offertory via a Bank of Scotland Standing Order or BACS - you need to take action to change your standing orders or BACS. I am really sorry about this and I do apologise for the inconvenience – but to help you the new Finance Committee has produced Information packs which explain how to do this and which are available at the back of the Church.

The new Royal Bank of Scotland parish account details are as follows:

Account Name: St James-St Andrews Sort Code: 83-06-08 Account Number : 21599908

Please note the 200 Club is not affected and remains with the Bank of Scotland until further notice.

Sick List

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish: Christine Greer, Moira Mullins, Andrew Muir, Isobel Dougan, Joan Dolan, Philip Lawson, Dr June Gunn, Ann Taylor, Marysia Denyer, Harry Graham, Anna Graham.

CHAPLAINCY NOTICES

Catholic Society

Archbishop Leo will speak at the Cath Soc on Monday at 7.30pm on the theme:
“Though he was in the form of God....”

The talk is after 6pm Mass where those being received at Easter will be enrolled. Please come to both events

OTHER NOTICES

Assisted Suicide rejected in Scotland

From Archbishop Leo: "I am deeply grateful to the MSPs who voted in favour of life on Tuesday at Holyrood. The outcome of the vote reflects a careful and compassionate approach to a deeply sensitive subject, one that touches the dignity and vulnerability of all of us. Well done to everyone who contacted their MSPs about this crucial issue. May we now go forward, committed to making Scotland's palliative care the very best in the world. Let's also accompany one another in life and death with humanity and humility."

Diocesan structures in Scotland

The Holy See has invited the Bishops of Scotland to reflect on how the present dioceses of the Church in Scotland can best serve her mission in the years ahead. In the coming weeks, therefore, along with the rest of the country, Archbishop Leo would like to hold some consultations on what we might propose to Rome, so that the Church in Scotland might improve cooperation among its dioceses, share resources within our present structures, or consider, as necessary, how we might merge some of our dioceses. Read the full statement at <https://www.bcos.org.uk/>

Save the Dates

The national St Margaret Pilgrimage will take place in Dunfermline on Sunday 14 June 2026. Save the date, details to follow; and...

The annual Day for Altar Servers will take place at The Gillis Centre in Edinburgh on Saturday 5 September.

Stations of the Cross

The Archdiocese hosts online Stations of the Cross each Monday in Lent at 7:45pm. Concludes with a reflection from a guest speaker. The annual event is to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions. Register at bit.ly/stations26

Catholic Conversations for Women

All women are welcome to this event with the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma on Saturday 28 March, 3:45pm-4:45pm in St Andrew's Parish rooms at 77 Belford Rd, Edinburgh, EH4 3DS, for a faith-focused discussion on Holy Week. Join us for a Holy Hour following with Adoration & Vespers from 5:10pm. Register at edinburgh@almamercy.org or call 0131 343 3380.

Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The beautiful Ribble Valley will provide the wonderful location to explore themes linked to the The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. Information available www.christianleadershipformation.com

Have a great week.
God Bless.
Fr. Patrick & Fr Chris

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm - With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.